



# THE BUZZ!

SERVICE FIRST! AUGUST 15, 2016

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## Words of Wisdom! (WOW!)

International Director N. Alan Lundgren  
Our very own "Gem of the Desert"!



club meetings to better suit the needs and lifestyles of your club members. It includes a simple, fun exercise to help determine which elements of your meeting to keep and what to change, as well as a process for phasing in CHANGE!

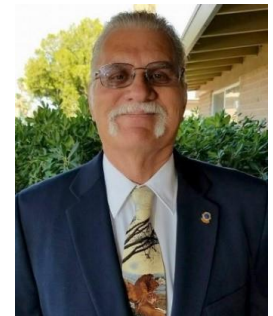
"*Blueprint for a Stronger Club*" as a planning tool helps your club identify and initiate CHANGE? Focused on club operations, service, leadership development and membership the "Blueprint for a Stronger Club" guide provides step-by-step process to assess your club, establish goals and develop your blueprint.

"*Club Quality Initiative*" is more than a workshop, it is an interactive process that brings members together to look at what your club is today and what it can be tomorrow. This process will help your club determine how it can bring about positive change.

### Club Quality Programs...

Effective clubs provide meaningful service, maintain a healthy membership and continually develop new leaders. The following tools (from LCI) focus on these elements to help your club function effectively while meeting the needs of your community and your members.

The "*YOUR CLUB, YOUR WAY*" guide will help you customize your



DG Jim  
It's the What's Up? Column  
Let's all go to the Mid-Winter Leadership Forum TOGETHER!

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**THANK YOU to the TWELVE clubs who submitted their MMR on the first day of the month. It is so appreciated.**

ALSO – are you doing your Activity weekly so you remember to capture ALL of your activities?



OK club presidents – here we are a month and a half into the new year. As CEO of your club, have you logged onto MyLci and checked to make sure your club secretary and treasurer have filed the required reports and paid your club financial commitments?

Presidents – have you appointed a club LCIF coordinator to work with our District LCIF Coordinator PDG Larry Palmer?

Have you appointed a club centennial chairperson to coordinate with your ZC and District Centennial Chairperson Steve Ravenkamp?

What are you doing for centennial projects and ideas? Need help? Contact Lion Steve.

If you need assistance in growing leadership in your club – please contact GLT John Marselis who is also the 21-B SME for club presidents. Don't wait until the year is almost over to get some help with your leaders coming up the ranks. Plan now to build your club's leadership.

Here is a note from GLT John:

## 21-B Presidents

It is my pleasure to offer my service to each one of you should the need arise to discuss or implement a suggestion or solve a nagging situation or problem

I have already reached out to a President that had a question and needed a helping hand.

Remember you are not in this alone and I am here to serve you.

*Lion John M. Marselis*  
*Gilbert Lions President*  
 DISTRICT 21-B GLT  
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 (602) 574-3030

**SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS (SME's):** Please note that last year we created SME's for club secretaries, treasurers, and presidents. They will continue in this capacity this year – PLEASE USE THEM:

District 21-B supports the clubs and Lions by appointing subject matter experts (SMEs) to assist all clubs in club operations. No Lion should struggle with any duties of being a club secretary, treasurer, or president.

**Laurie Genz - Club Secretary - trainer/expert – all things MyLCI**  
 520 266-1426  
[lionlaurie@cox.net](mailto:lionlaurie@cox.net)

**Carol Rosinke - Club Treasurer - trainer/expert**  
 480 751-8320  
[carolr21b@hotmail.com](mailto:carolr21b@hotmail.com)

**John Marselis - Club President - trainer/advisor/motivator**  
 602 574-3030  
[lionjohnm21b@gmail.com](mailto:lionjohnm21b@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP / LEADERSHIP ASSISTANCE

If anyone requires additional training on any position or needs help with

leadership or membership issues, please contact our district officers for leadership and membership:

John Marselis – 21-B GLT  
 (Leadership)  
 602 574-3030  
[lionjohnm21b@gmail.com](mailto:lionjohnm21b@gmail.com)

Bobbie Ravenkamp  
 21-B 2nd VDG & GMT (Membership)  
 918 705-1227  
[bobbieravenkamp@hotmail.com](mailto:bobbieravenkamp@hotmail.com)

**Want to arrange orientation? Call John or Bobbie – they'll get someone to your club to do an orientation for you!**

**And don't forget your Zone Chairpersons – they are there to help you too!**



## DG JIM

OK, one down three to go – the Kickoff is now just a memory and the 2016-2017 year is off and running. Thank you to all who attended. Now, get your clubs to attend the MD21 Mid-Year Leadership conference October 28-30. The registration form and agenda is in the CSL and on e-district.

I presented my theme for the year - "Service First" and challenged all present to look for ways of implementing signature projects and more service projects to better serve our communities. Remember, I presented a "Secret Governors Contest" going on throughout the year and that all clubs and Lions may be participating without even knowing that they are. Keep your eyes open.

We have a fun and service first year ahead so let's get out there and do what we do best – SERVE!

I am also starting my governor's visits to the clubs in September – if you haven't scheduled a visit yet – please let me know what is a good time for you and we'll get it scheduled.



### Hello Vision Screeners,

Now we are onto the actual screening events. Some are public events where other agencies will see the activity and the Lions in service and we have direct contact with families. Then the excitement gets ramped up when we begin in-school screenings.

Clearly the calendar will be very busy through the middle of November and maybe even into December.

The early public events are a really good way to refresh or hone your screening skills. Please sign up early and often.

### AUGUST 2016

3. Tuesday, August 23 7:30 - 11:30, Red Rocks Pre-K-8 School, 20854 E. Homestead Dr, Red Rock, AZ 85145 First School Event **NEED 8 PEOPLE**

4. Thursday, August 25 7:30 - 11:00, Coronado School, Amphi PSD, 3401 E. Wilds Rd, Catalina Az, 85739 **NEED 8 PEOPLE**

**SEPTEMBER 2016** *As school comes back into session (Aug - Aug 10), there will be many additions.*

1. Tuesday, Sep 6 7:30 - 11:30, Walker Ele Sch, Amphi PSD, 1750 W. Roller Coaster, 85704 **NEED 8 PEOPLE**

2. Monday, Sep 12 7:30 - 11:30, Prince Ele Sch, Amphi PSD, 125 E. Prince Rd, 85705 **NEED 8 PEOPLE**

3. Monday, Sep 19 7:30 - 11:30, Donaldson Ele Sch, Amphi PSD, 2040 W. Omar Dr, 85704 **NEED 8 PEOPLE**

4. Thursday, Sep 29 7:30 - 11:30, Davidson Ele Sch, TUSD, 3950 E. Paradise Falls, 85712 **NEED 8 PEOPLE**

### *Many Thanks,*

Su-Lin Trepanitis  
Lions Vision Services  
[azlionrn@gmail.com](mailto:azlionrn@gmail.com)  
520-661-4909



If you have any club flyers for events – please send to 2VDG Bobbie Ravenkamp so she can post on the calendar on our e-district website.

Want to see information on a Lions topic – please email me: IPDG Barbara Daily – [bebopp2002@yahoo.com](mailto:bebopp2002@yahoo.com)

Please make sure ALL of your members receive the BUZZ – it is the governor's communication. Email to each

of your club members – if no email, then as club secretary – mail it to those who do not have email.

Have you checked out our e-district website lately? New information there, check it out!

### **ENERGIZER BUNNY COLUMN!**

Good morning from the District Energizer Bunny:

It is so good to be writing to the good Lions of 21 B once again. By the time you read this, you will have had, what I know will have been, another successful Fall Kickoff. No doubt Lion Fred & company did their usual awesome job in see that all went well for everyone I attendance.

Like A & C, 21 B has seen a changing of the guard at the top with Lion Jim being District Governor. To you Lion Barbara, thanks for being a strong leader; & for your dedication & hard work in shaping 21 B, & making it, the special district it will continue to be. I'm glad that I got in on some of that, before moving back to Iowa. Having said that, there are some things that will remain the same. Lion Barbara will continue to be, Editor of "The Buzz." It's very informative; & it's a wonderful way to keep up on happenings in the district. The other thing, (& this is what excites me,) is that I will continue to work with Lion Barbara, & remain, your Energizer Bunny; & write inspirational messages as the spirit moves me to do that.

In this regard, (While I've communicated with a few in email in the District,) I want to let you know that I'm doing great; after major surgery in Rochester, Minnesota at Methodist Hospital. The week of July 7-14, saw my brother & I make four round trips to Mayo Clinic in Rochester; for further tests. Since May 3, the cancer center in Mason City, Iowa put me through a series of tests; but they were all inconclusive;

& there was nothing definitive that came out of them. So, my Specialist initiated conversation with Mayo, & things began happening big time. The surgery took place on July 18. A portion of liver was removed which had cancer. Some Lymph Nodes were removed that were discovered, & just for good measure, as long as they were in the neighborhood, they took my gall bladder; as that had stones.

Through it all, I came out well. & even from my sick bed, I remained the Energizer Bunny you would have been proud of. Doctors & nurses alike, could not believe my positivity & how upbeat I was, after such an ordeal. I can't imagine the volumes of patients they see on a daily basis. But as one doctor put it, he'd never seen anyone quite like me. I guess I was a real inspiration to the surgical team who performed this major surgery. I returned to Iowa the afternoon of July 22. Amazing as this may seem, I didn't have to stay in a skilled bed at the hospital. Doctors thought that I was doing so well I could handle being at the apartment. My incision is healing very nicely. I won't have to have stitches taken out; everything was glued.

In way of upcoming appointments, I see my primary doctor on Monday afternoon. We go back to Rochester for follow-ups, August 23-24 respectively. Cat-scan on August 23; blood work & visit with Cancer Doctor the following day. I'm sure that whether or not I go through Chemo Therapy will be discussed at that time.

So there you go. I wanted to use this message to give you an update on my status. All is well! I'm happy to report. Perhaps Lion Barbara mentioned something about me at the Fall Kickoff; but now you've heard it from me. You can't keep a good Lion down; or to put it another way, (You can't keep the Energizer Bunny down!) Until next time, I remain.

Your Energizer Bunny,  
Lion Gary



## OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND FOR ALL!

(Synopsis of what's available)

### Advanced Lion Leadership Institute

**(ALLI)** - Lions that have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of First Vice District Governor.

Date: November 12 – 14, 2016  
Houston, TX  
Submission Deadline: August 29, 2016

**Faculty Development Institute (FDI)** - Lions who have some experience as faculty members at Lions training events, have demonstrated basic instructional skills, and have a keen interest in further developing those skills.

Date: November 11 – 14, 2016  
Houston, TX  
Submission Deadline: August 28, 2016

### Emerging Lions Leadership Institute

**(ELLI)** - Lions in good standing who have successfully served on a club committee and who have not yet attained the level of club president.

Date: January 21 – 24, 2017  
Chicago, IL  
Submission Deadline: November 7, 2016

**WHO?** Anyone wanting an opportunity for growth in Lions

**WHAT?** Emerging Lions, Advanced Lions, and Faculty Development

**WHERE?** Houston and Chicago

**WHEN?** November 2016 and January 2017

**WHY?** We need more leaders; we need new ideas; why not?!!

Applications are online - Contact your district leadership coordinator or go here for more information:  
<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/development-programs/index.php>

## Any Lions out there with a competitive side??

This year's theme for the contests is **Celebration of Peace!**

### **The Peace Poster Contest!!!**

The cost of the kit is US\$11.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. They include:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

You can order kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters until October 1.

To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466

To order online, go to Club Supplies (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit).

**Finalist from each club need to be post marked no later than November 15<sup>th</sup> to; Juliet Yardy 3532 E. Presidio Rd. Tucson AZ 85716**

### **The Environmental Photo Contest!!!**

2016-2017 Contest Rules:  
The 2016-2017 Environmental Photo Contest is open to LIONS and LEOS.  
All photos depicting a nature theme (such as plants, animals, weather phenomenon, etc.) are welcome.  
Photos should be original and unaltered.

Photos should depict the local environment of the community the Lions or Leo club serves.  
Photos that include people will be disqualified.

**Photos should be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm.)**

All photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos.

LIONS CLUBS and LEO CLUBS are invited to submit one photo each to the DISTRICT.

Juliet Yardy 3532 E. Presidio Rd. Tucson, AZ 85716 by postmarked December 20, 2016.

Please remember to include Name of Club, Name of participant age, and school if attending.

Thanks and feel free to email me with any questions  
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